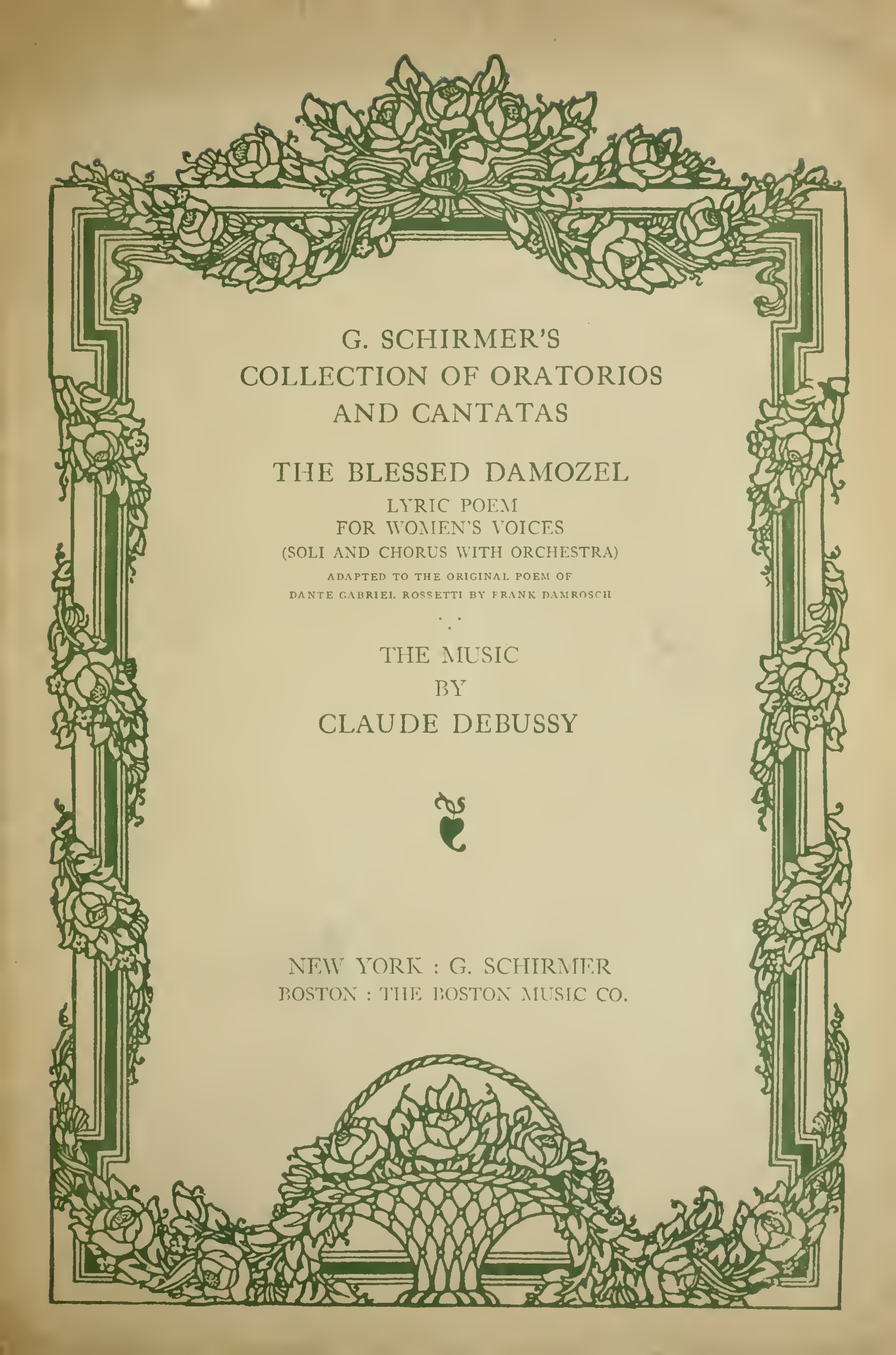



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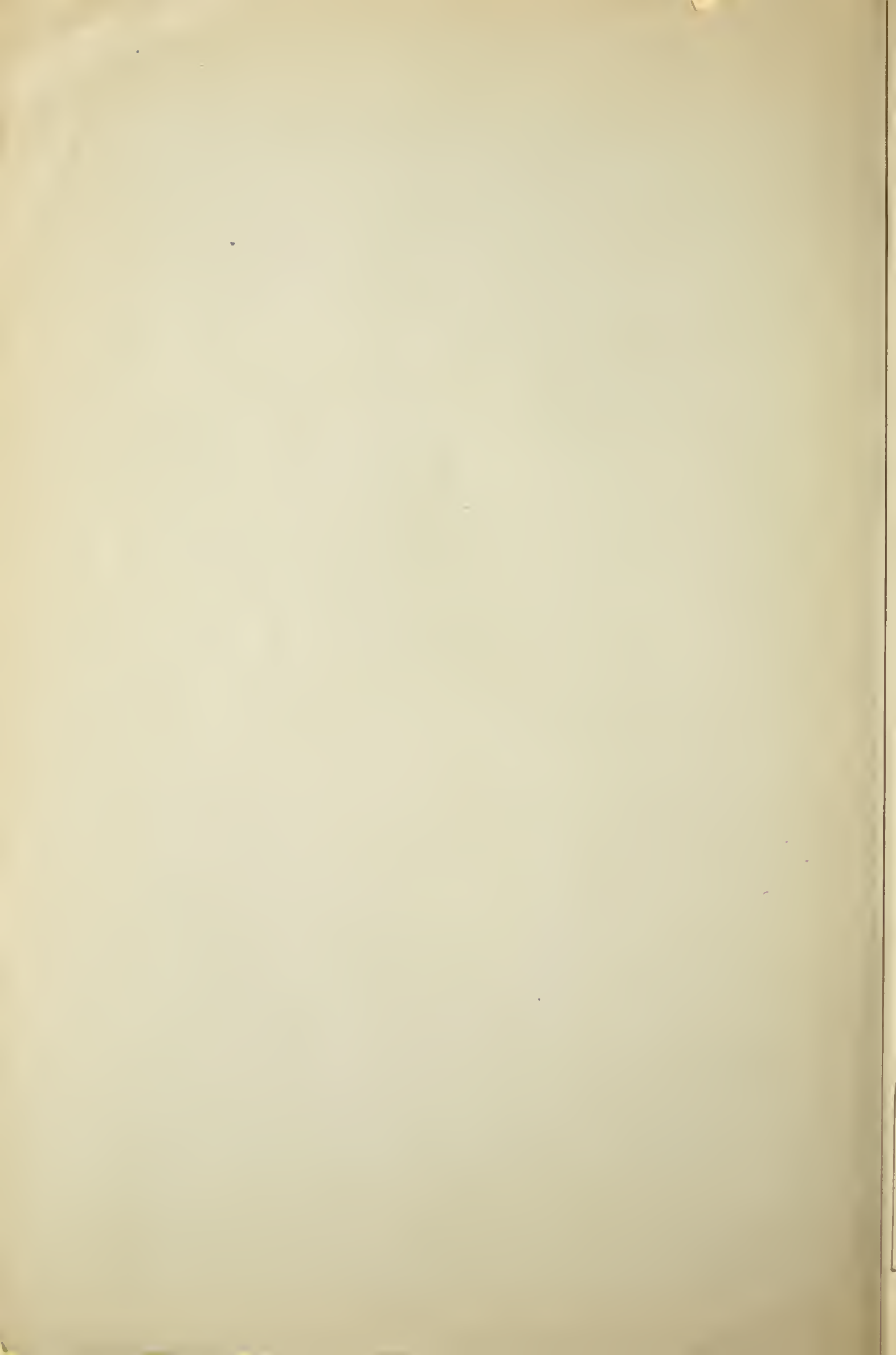
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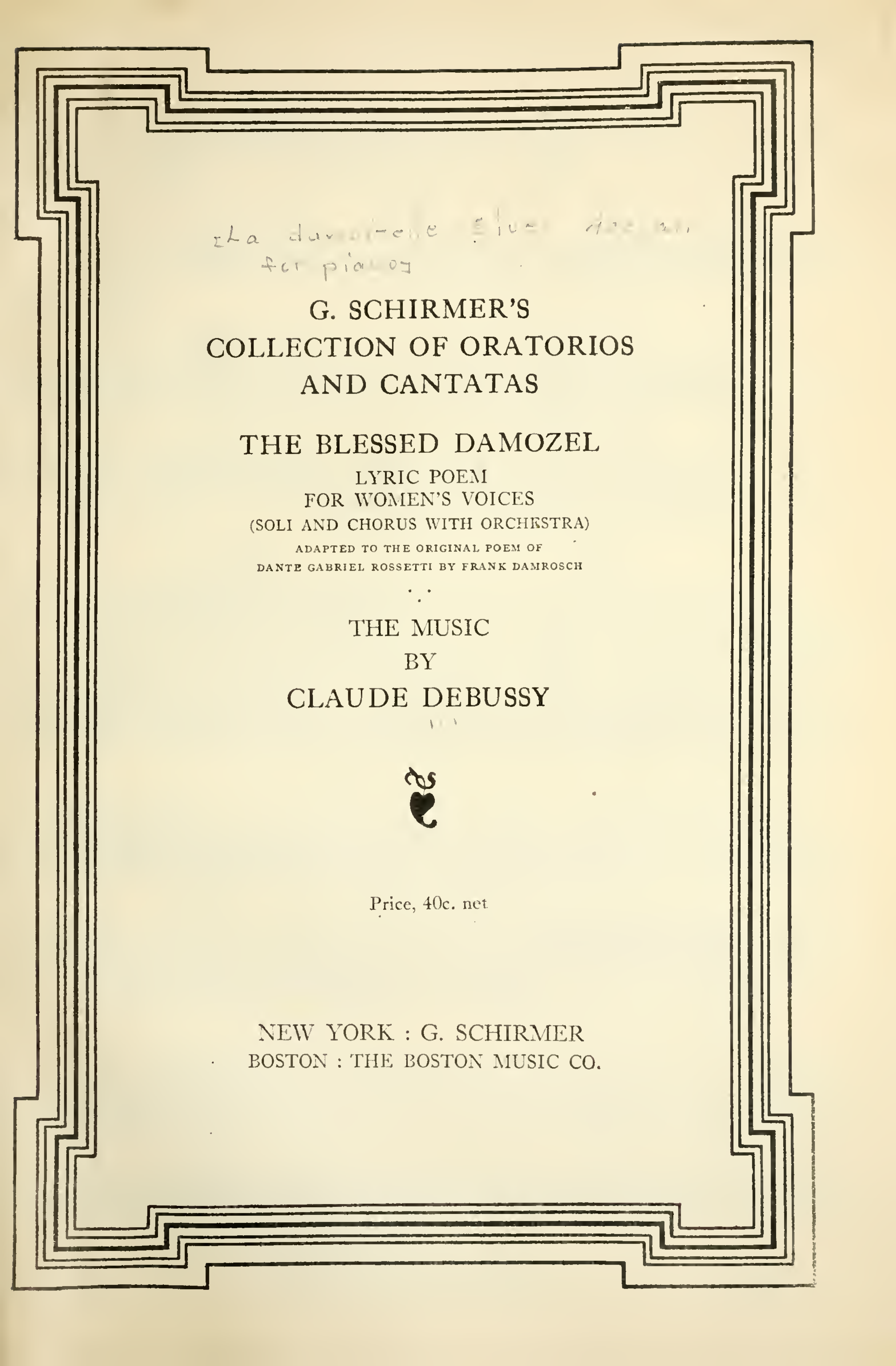
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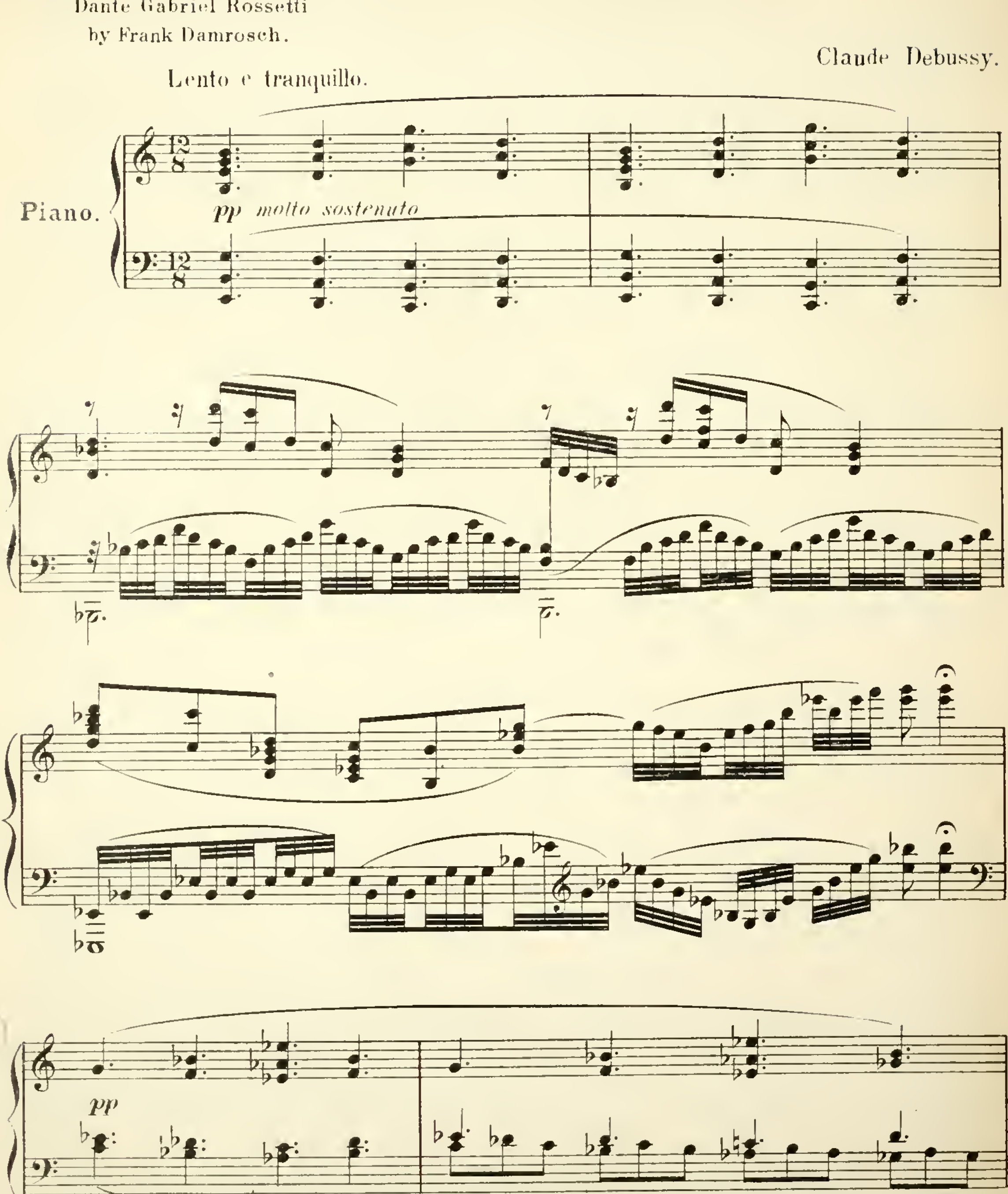
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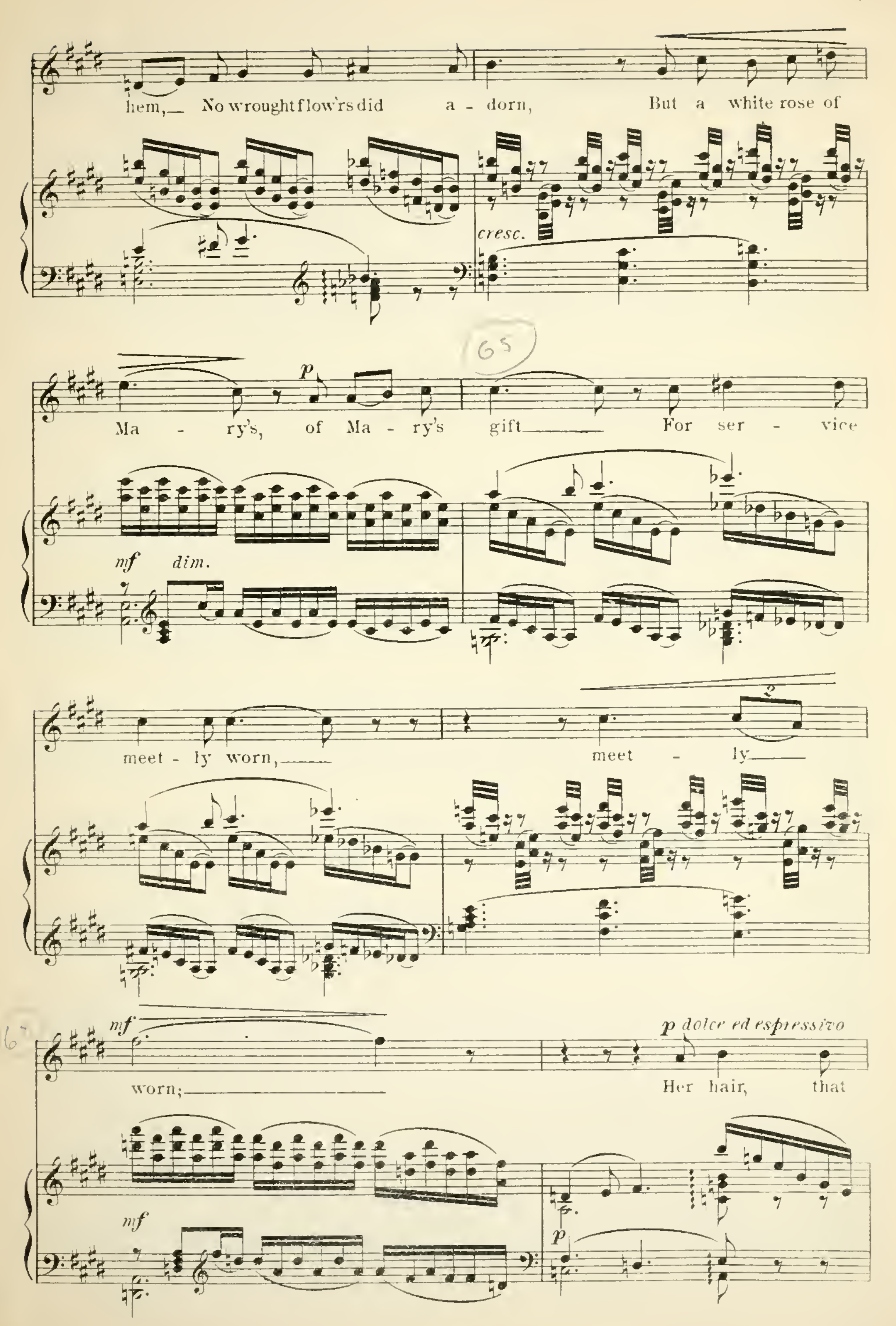


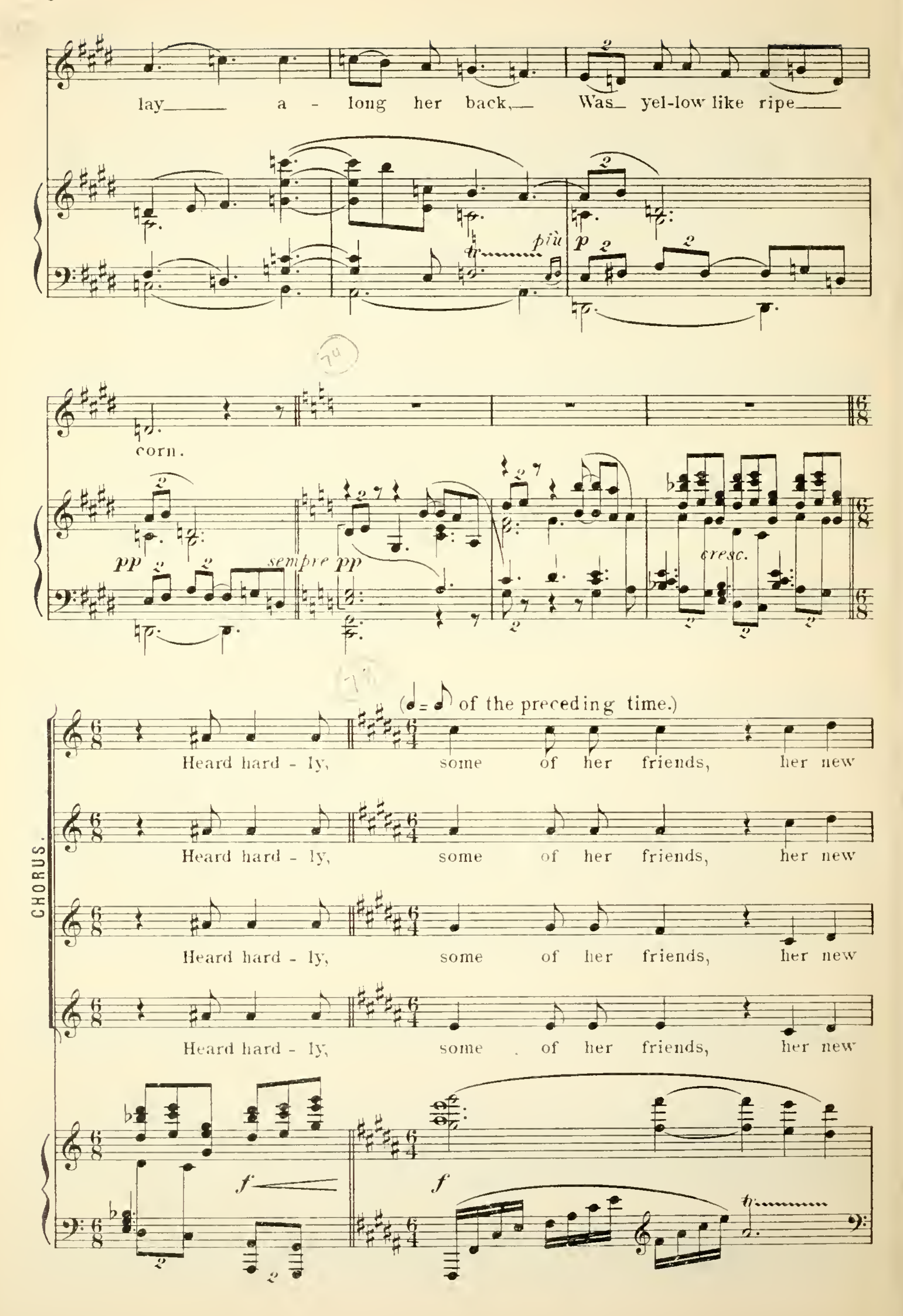

ppp
Sempre tranquilliss.(♩= ♪ of the previous time.)
9
p
p
pp
15
m.s.
m.d.
m.s.
m.d.
20

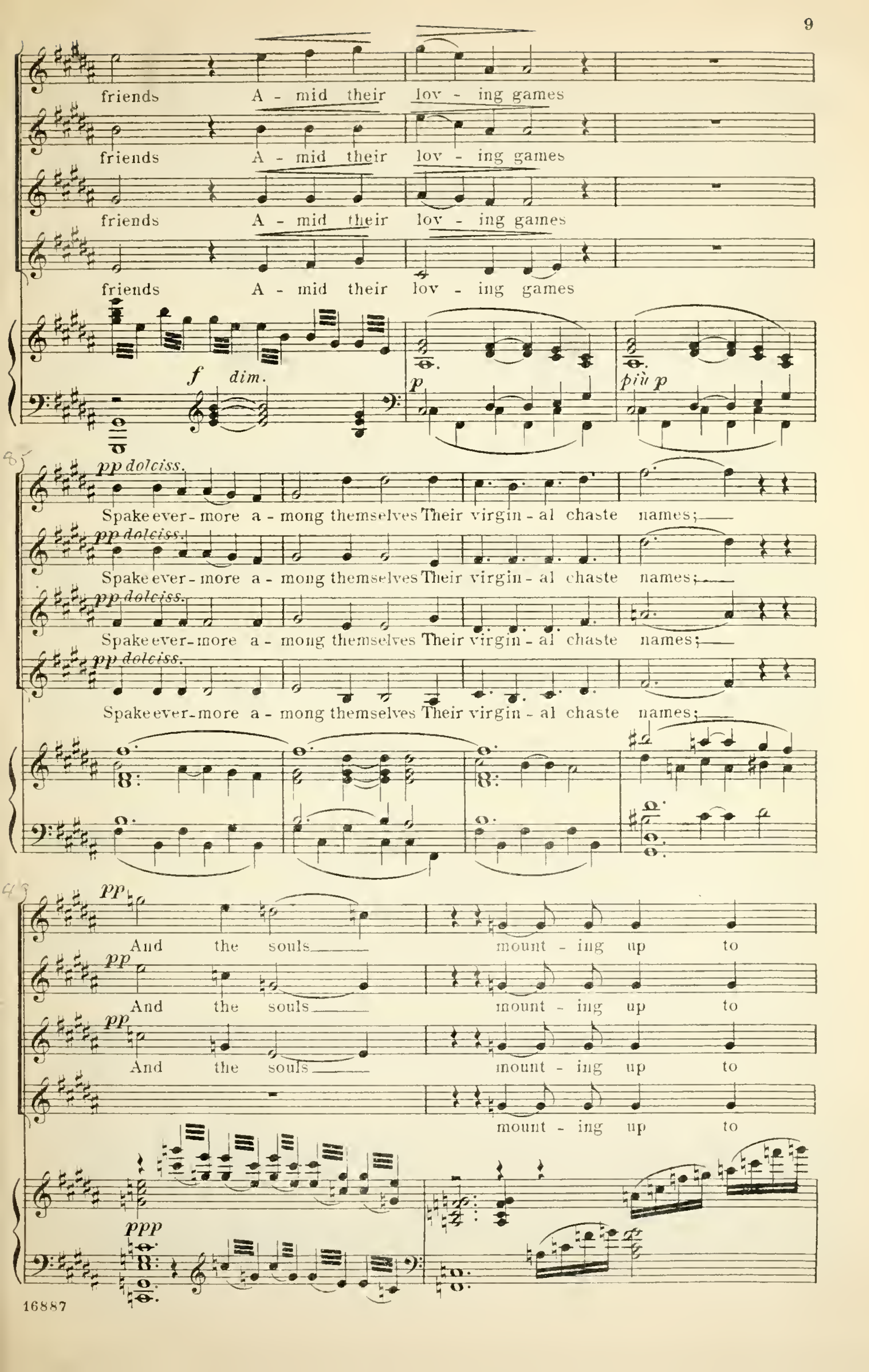

p
p
dim.
8
Poco animato.
p
ppp
pp semplice, espressivo
p
p
molto dim.
ppp


Soprano I.
The bless-ed da - mo-zel leaned out From the gold bar of Heav - en;
Soprano II.
The bless-ed da - mo-zel leaned out From the gold bar of Heav - en;
Alto I.
The bless-ed da - mo-zel leaned out From the gold bar of Heav - en;
Alto II.
The bless-ed da - mo-zel leaned out From the gold bar of Heav - en;
CHORUS.
Her eyes were deep - er than the depth
Her eyes were deep - er than the depth
Her eyes were deep - er than the depth
Her eyes were deep - er than the depth
Of wa - ters still'd at e - ven;
Of wa - ters still'd at e - ven;
Of wa - ters still'd at e - ven;
Of wa - ters still'd at e - ven;

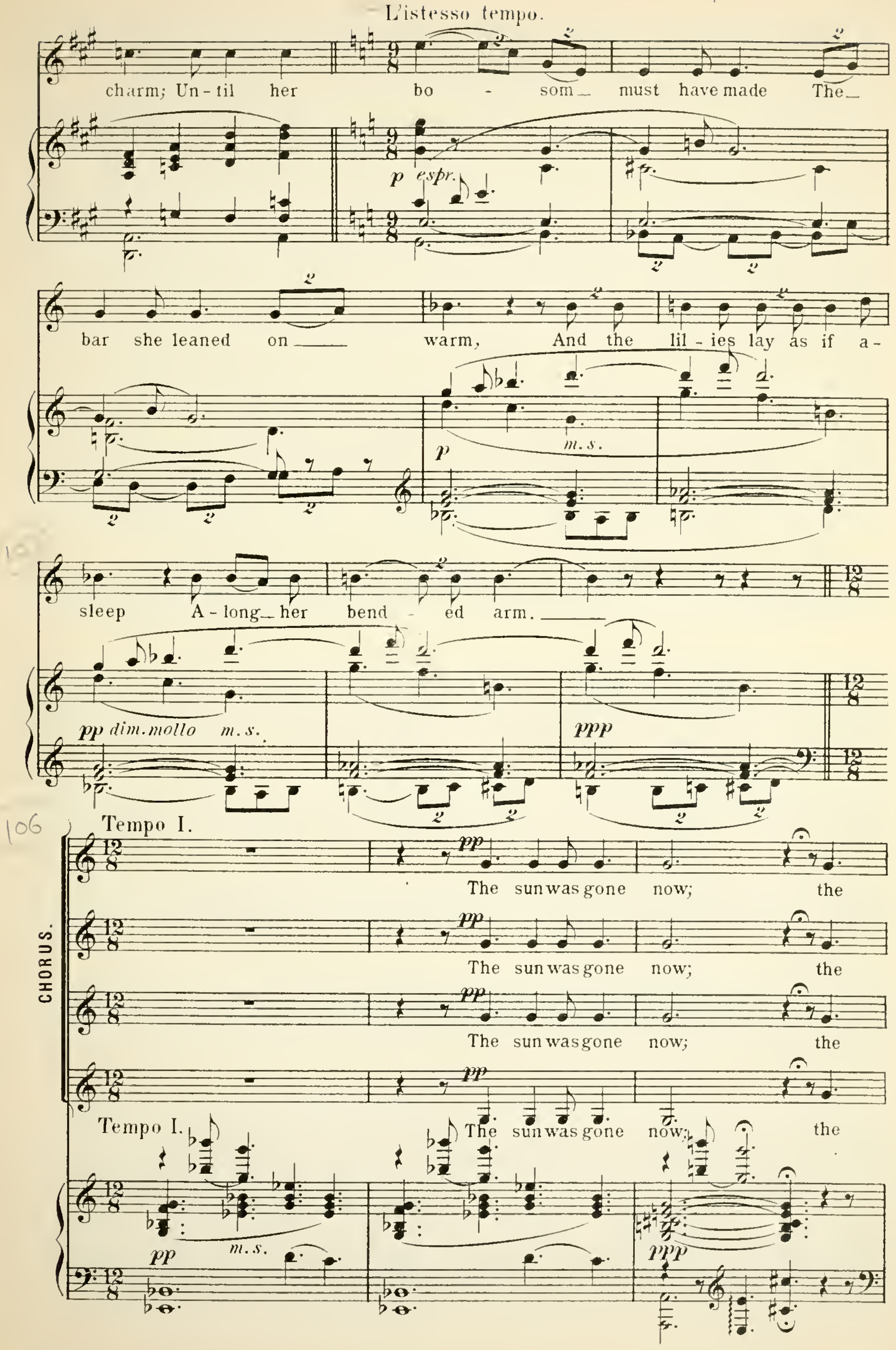

She had three lil - ies in her hand,
And the stars in her hair were
sev - - en.
Narrator.
(Mezzo-Soprano.)
Her robe, un-girt from clasp to


hem, No wrought flow'rs did a - dorn, But a white rose of
cresc.
Ma - ry's, of Ma - ry's gift For ser - vice
mf dim.
meet - ly worn, meet - ly
mf
worn;
p dolce ed espressivo
Her hair, that
mf
p


lay a - long her back, Was yel-low like ripe
più p
pp sempre pp
corn.
cresc.
(♩= ♪ of the preceding time.)
CHORUS.
Heard hard - ly, some of her friends, her new
Heard hard - ly, some of her friends, her new
Heard hard - ly, some of her friends, her new
Heard hard - ly, some of her friends, her new
f
f


friends A - mid their lov - ing games
friends A - mid their lov - ing games
friends A - mid their lov - ing games
friends A - mid their lov - ing games
f dim.
p
più p
pp dolciss.
Spake ever-more a - mong themselves Their virgin - al chaste names;
pp dolciss.
Spake ever-more a - mong themselves Their virgin - al chaste names;
pp dolciss.
Spake ever-more a - mong themselves Their virgin - al chaste names;
pp dolciss.
Spake ever-more a - mong themselves Their virgin - al chaste names;
pp
And the souls mount - ing up to
pp
And the souls mount - ing up to
pp
And the souls mount - ing up to
mount - ing up to
ppp


pp
God
Went
by her like
thin flames.
ppp
pp
dolciss.
p dolce
pp dim.
Molto moderato.
Narrator.
p
And still she bowed her-self and stooped Out of the cir-cling
pp


L'istesso tempo.
charm; Un-til her bo - som must have made The
p espr.
bar she leaned on warm, And the lil-ies lay as if a-
p
m.s.
sleep A-long her bend - ed arm.
pp dim. molto m.s.
ppp
Tempo I.
CHORUS.
pp
The sun was gone now; the
Tempo I.
pp
m.s.
ppp

p

curl - ed moon Was like a lit - tle feath - er

p

curl - ed moon Was like a lit - tle feath - er

p

curl - ed moon Was like a lit - tle feath - er

p

curl - ed moon Was like a lit - tle feath - er

pp

Poco animato.

Flutter-ing far down the gulf:

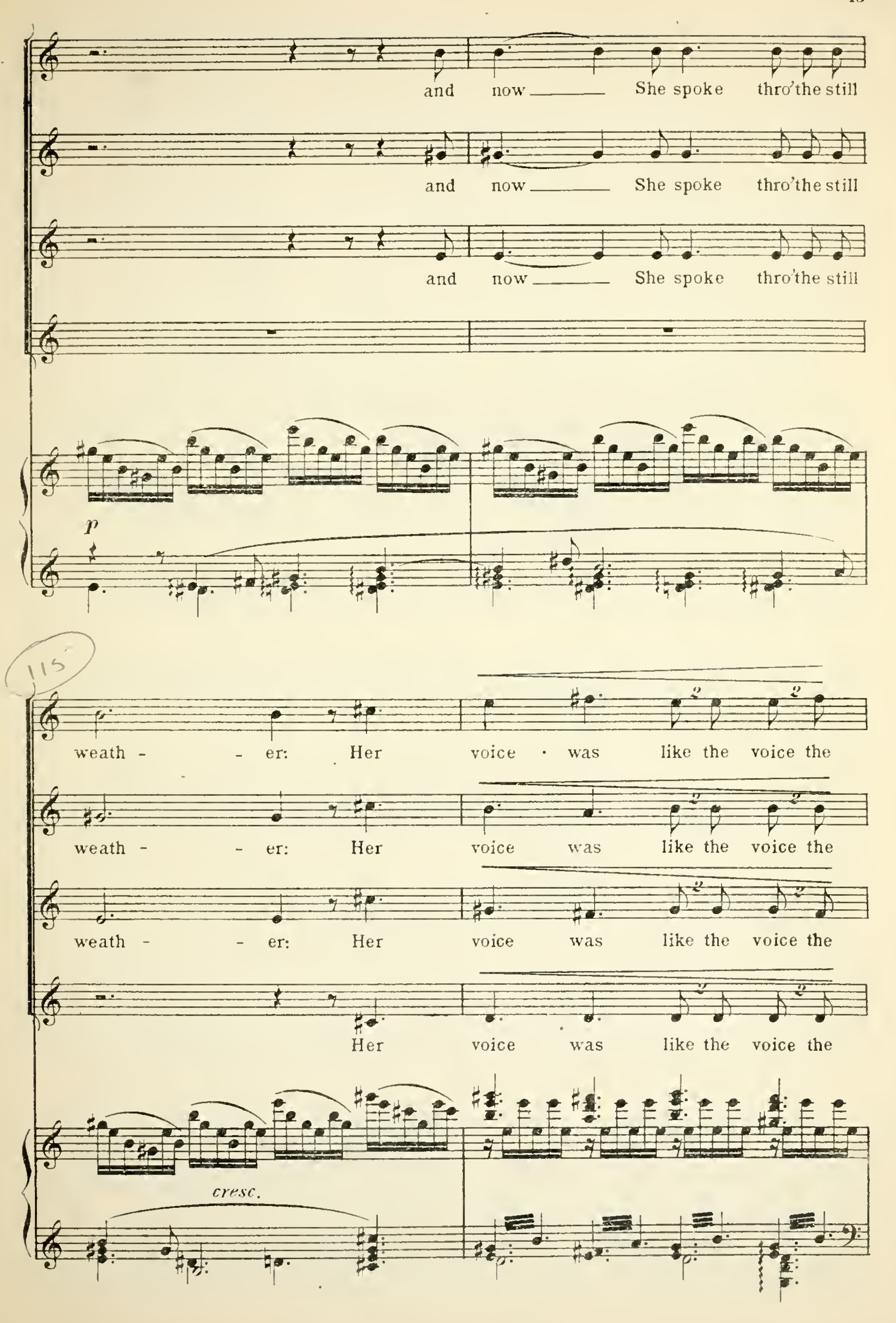
Flutter-ing far down the gulf;

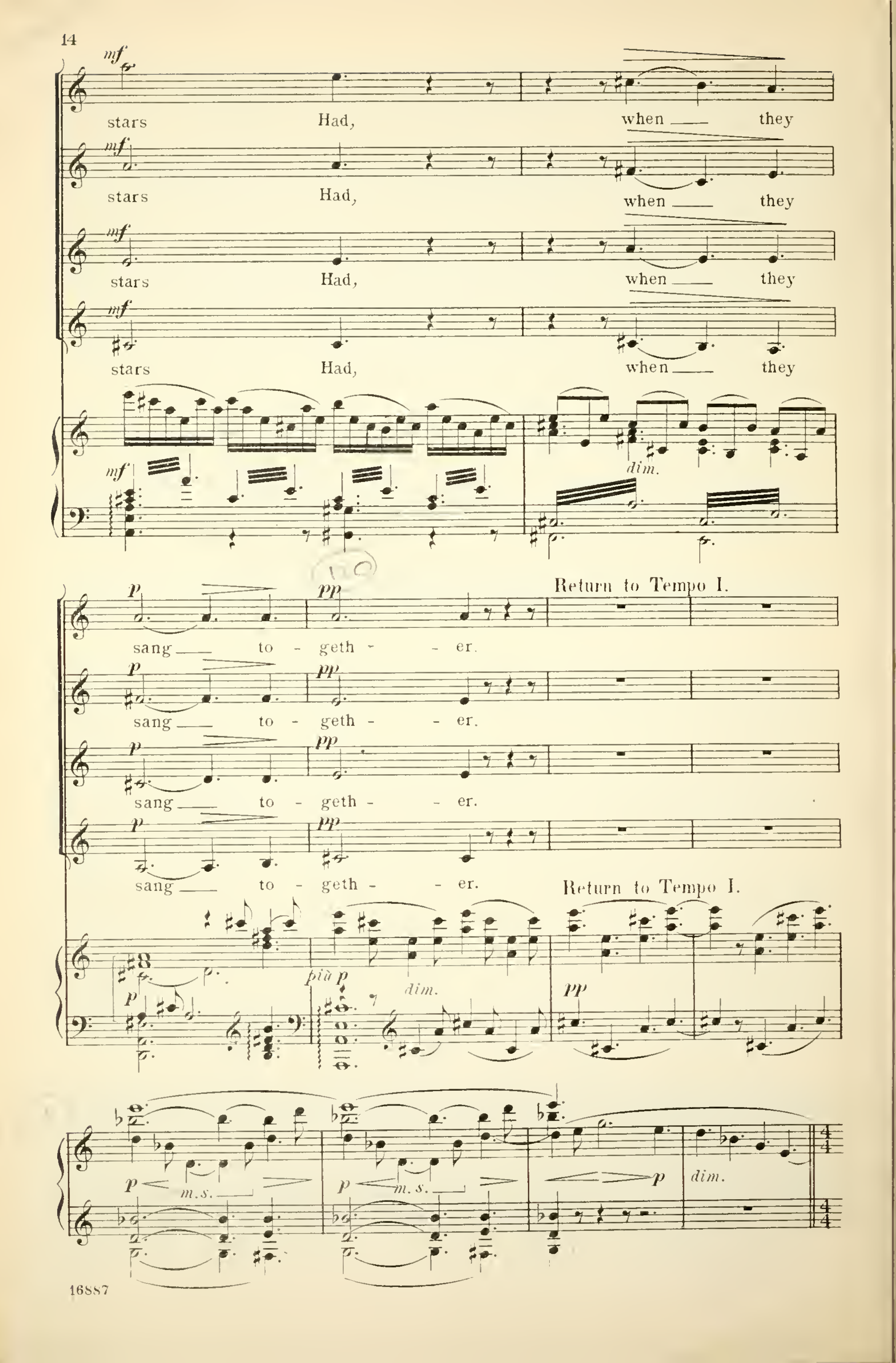
Flutter-ing far down the gulf;

Flutter-ing far down the gulf;

Poco animato.

pp


and now She spoke thro'the still
and now She spoke thro'the still
and now She spoke thro'the still
p
115
weath - - er: Her voice was like the voice the
weath - - er: Her voice was like the voice the
weath - - er: Her voice was like the voice the
Her voice was like the voice the
cresc.



mf
stars Had, when they
sang to - geth - er.
p
pp
Return to Tempo I.
dim.
più p
m.s.

Lento.

The Blessed Damozel.

p dolce e semplice

I__wish that he were come to me, For he will come;

Poco meno lento.

Have I not prayed in heav - en? on earth, O Lord, O

Moderato.

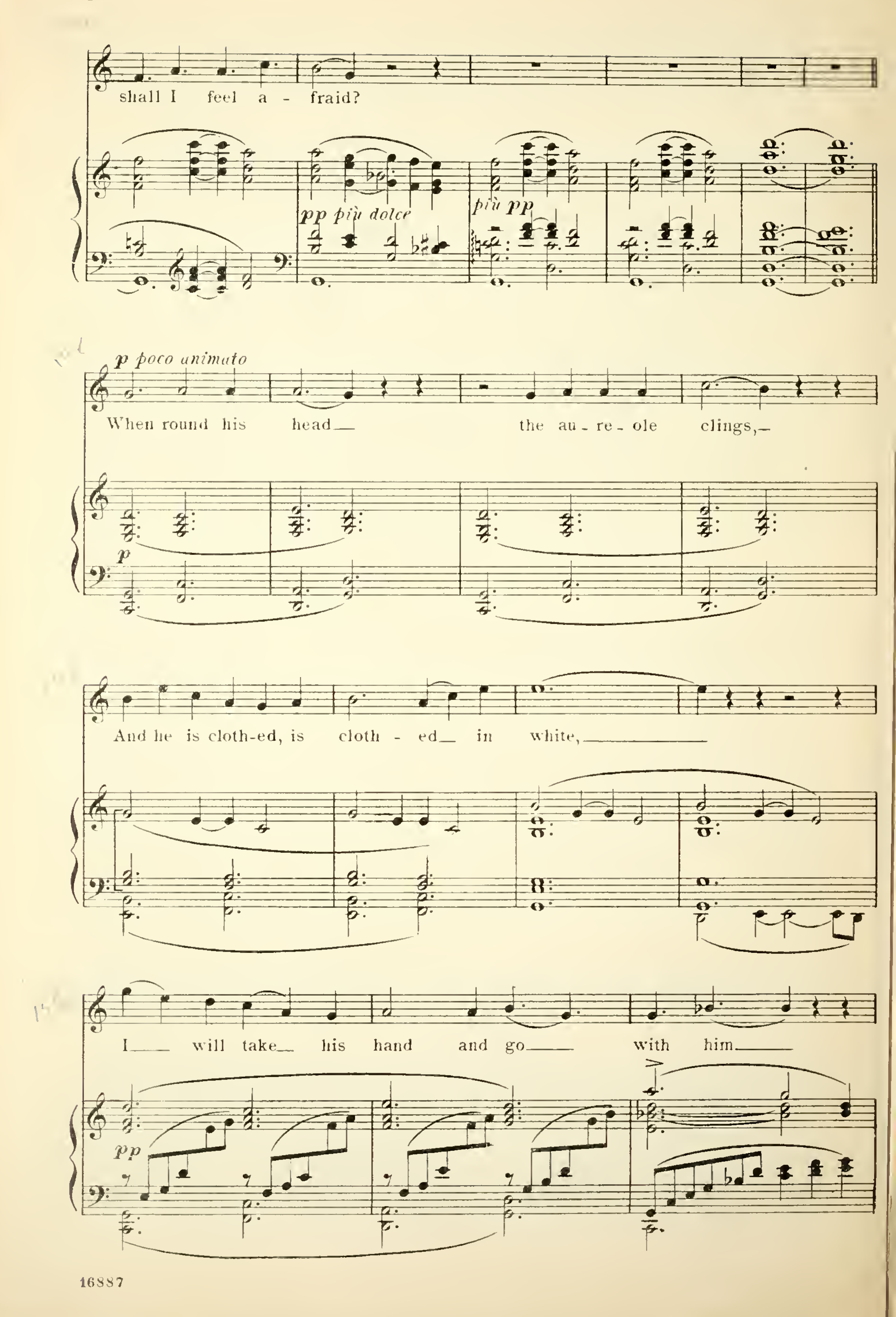
Lord, has he not prayed? Are not two prayers, two

dim.

prayers a per - fect strength? And

più p

p espress.


shall I feel a - fraid?
pp più dolce
più pp
p poco animato
When round his head the au - re - ole clings,
p
And he is cloth-ed, is cloth - ed in white,
I will take his hand and go with him
pp



To the deep wells of light;
We will step
down as to a stream,
And bathe there
in God's sight.
We two will lie i' the shad - ow Of that liv - ing, mystic
cresc.
piu p
dim.
pp
p
dim.
mf



tree,
pp
With - in whose se - cret
p
growth the
sempre pp


Dove Is
some - - times felt to
be,
p
While ev-'ry leaf that his plumes touch
p
Saith His Name au - di - bly.
pp



p
We two, we two will seek the
groves Where the La - dy Ma - ry is,
sempre pp
With her five hand - - maid - - ens,
p
p
pp
whose names Are five sweet sym - pho -
più pp

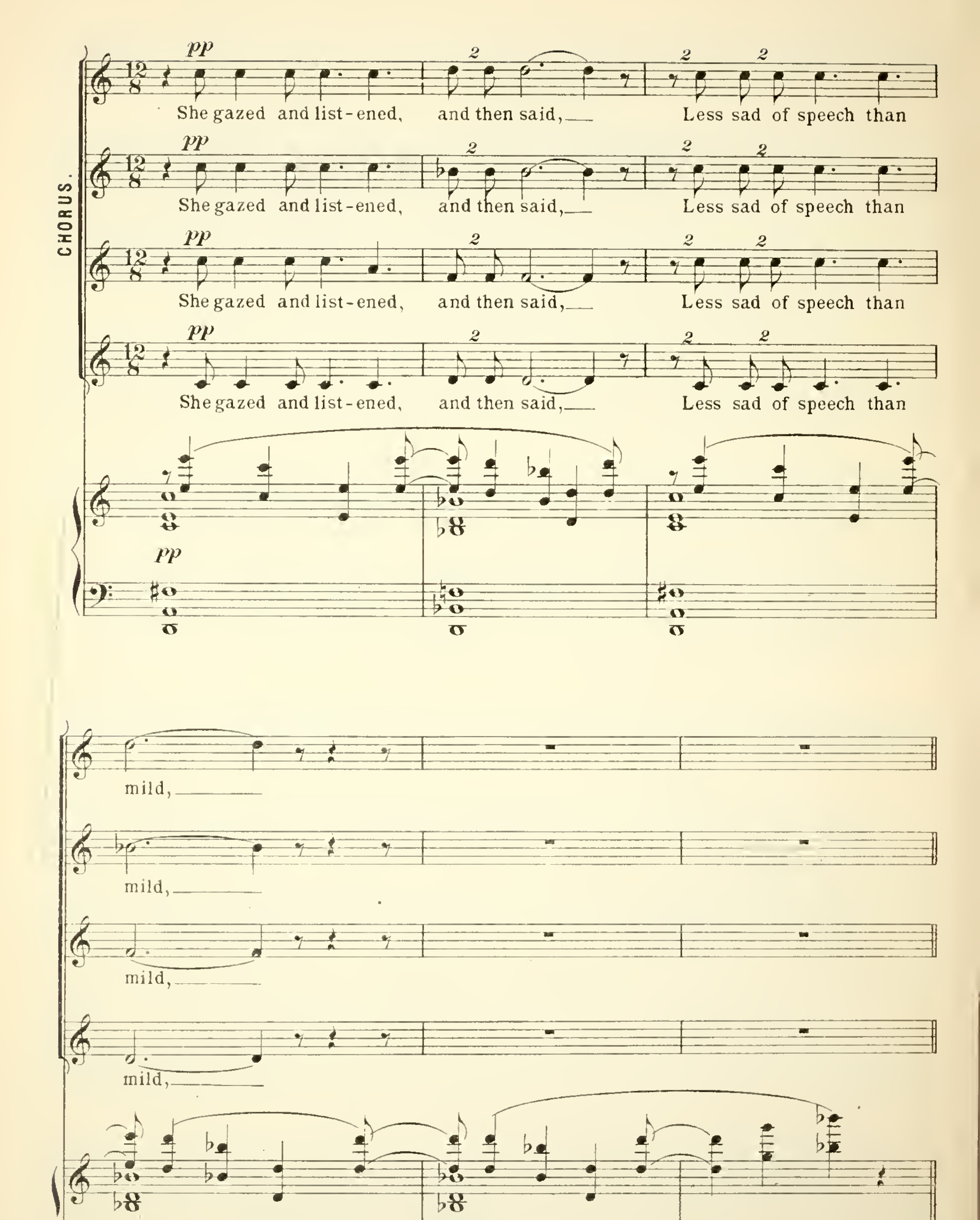

nies, Ce - ci-ly, Gertrude,
p
p dolciss.
Mag-da - len, Mar - ga - ret and Ros-a -
riten.
p dim.
colla voce
a tempo
Lento
lys. He shall fear, haply, and be
pp
Tempo I.
dumb: And then will I lay my cheek To his, and tell a -
bout our love, Not once a - bashed or weak:
p espress.

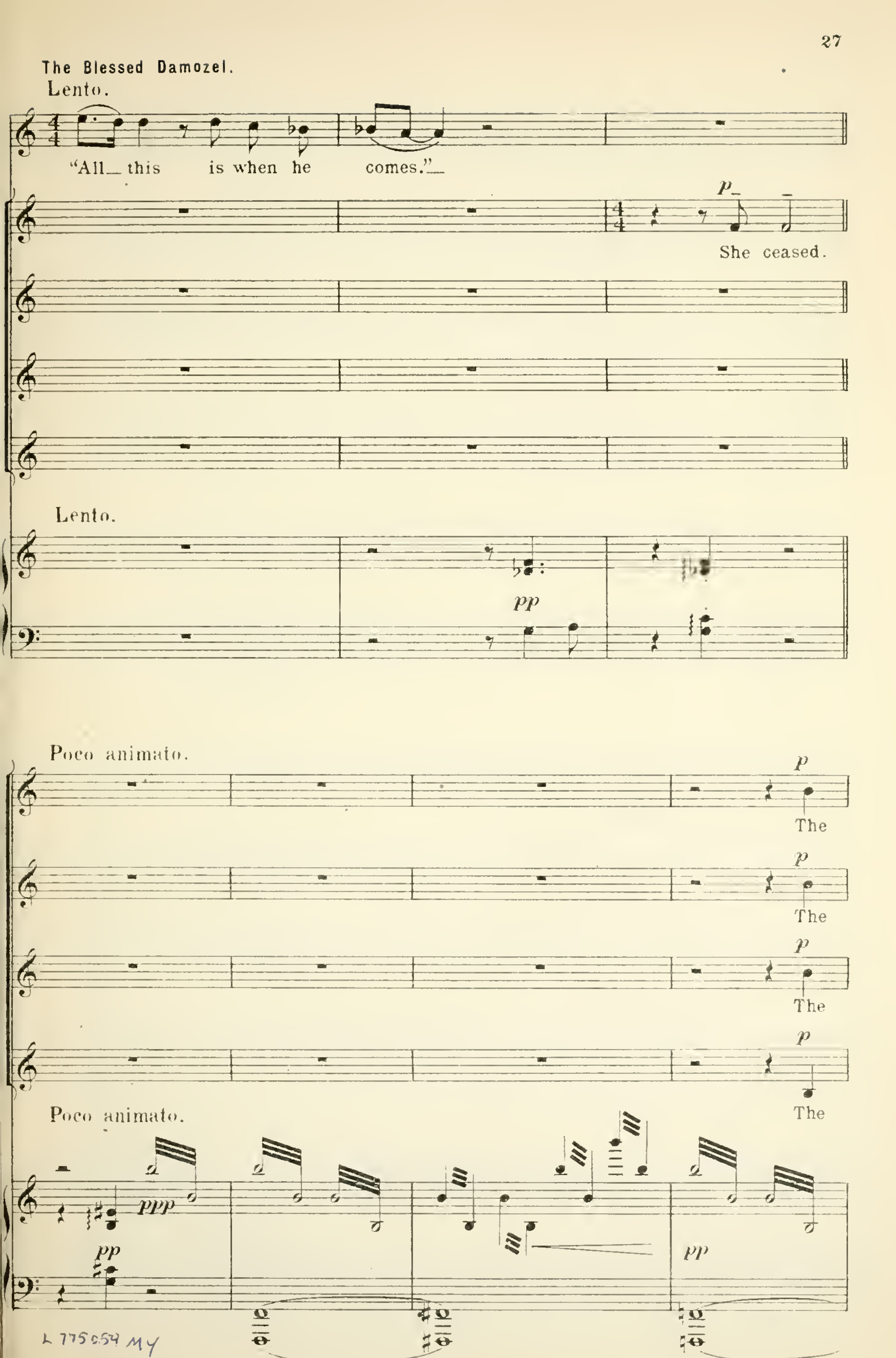

And the dear Moth - er will ap - prove My pride, and
p
p
p
let me speak.
riten.
riten.
p
Poco animando.
pp
Her - self shall bring us, hand in hand,
pp
cresc.


To Him round whom all souls
pp
Kneel, the clear - ranged, un-numbered heads Bowed
p
p
p
with their au - - re - oles:
cresc.
f
And an - gels meet - ing us shall sing To their
pp subito

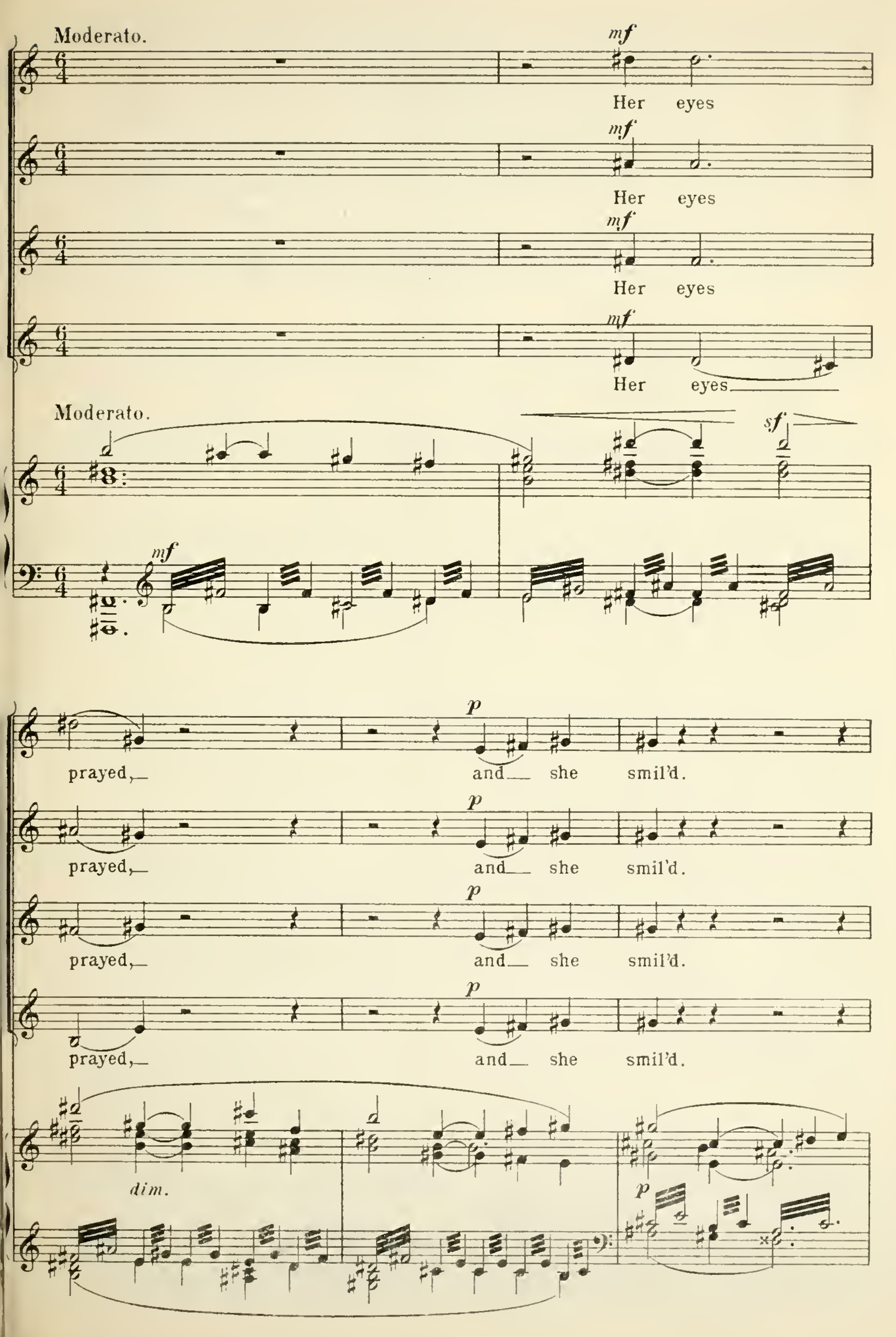

cith - - erns and cit - oles.
riten.
And
riten.
cresc.
f
Largamente.
there, there will I ask of Christ the Lord Thus much for
f
dim.
Animando un poco
him, for him and me: On-ly to live as once
p dim.
p molto espress.


on earth With Love, and
p
on - ly to be,
p
p cresc. molto
As then a while, for ev - er now Togeth - er, I and
riten.
riten.
f
dim.
Moderato.
he.
m.s.
m.s.
m.s.


CHORUS.
pp
She gazed and list-ened, and then said, Less sad of speech than
She gazed and list-ened, and then said, Less sad of speech than
She gazed and list-ened, and then said, Less sad of speech than
She gazed and list-ened, and then said, Less sad of speech than
mild,
mild,
mild,
mild,
ppp


The Blessed Damozel.
Lento.
"All_ this is when he comes."_
p_
She ceased.
Lento.
pp
Poco animato.
p
The
p
The
p
The
p
The
Poco animato.
ppp
pp
pp


light thrilled towards her, filled With angels
light thrilled towards her, filled With angels
light thrilled towards her, filled With angels
light thrilled towards her, filled With angels
p
in strong lev-el flight.
in strong lev-el flight.
in strong lev-el flight.
in strong lev-el flight.
p


Moderato.
mf
Her eyes
Her eyes
Her eyes
Her eyes
Moderato.
sf
mf
prayed,
and she smil'd.
prayed,
and she smil'd.
prayed,
and she smil'd.
prayed,
and she smil'd.
p
dim.

p ritenuto dim.

But_ soon their path was vague

p ritenuto dim.

But_ soon their path was vague

p ritenuto dim.

But_ soon their path was vague

p ritenuto dim.

But_ soon their path was vague

ritenuto

più p *pp* *più pp*

in dis - tant spheres:_

pp *ppp*

Molto moderato.

Narrator.

And then_ she cast her arms a -

p *pp* *p*


long the gold-en barriers, And laid her face be-tween her hands
p
p
dim.
pp
And wept.
pp
p
pp
pp
Lento.
p
pp
CHORUS.
pp
Ah!
Ah!
m.d.
m.s.
ppp

